14 Intensive Community Sites

State	City	Description
AL	Statewide	Coalition led by the Department of Public Health
FL	Tamarac	City Parks and Recreation Department
GA	Roswell/Athens	Roswell Recreation and Parks Department and Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services
IN	Gary	Youth Services Bureau/Parks Recreation
IN	South Bend	City Parks and Recreation Department
MD	Montgomery County	County Recreation Department
MI	Ann Arbor	University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor Healthy Schools
МО	Springfield	Springfield-Green County Park Board
MA	Boston	Boston Public Health Commission
MA	Pittsfield	Operation Better Start, Berkshire Health Systems
NV	Las Vegas/ Henderson	University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Nutrition Sciences and Cities of Las Vegas and Henderson
OR	Benton County	Benton County Health Department
OR	Lane County	Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth
TX	Temple	The Children's Hospital at Scott & White

Intensive Site Implementation

- 3 Youth Programs per Site with a minimum of 15 youth per Program
 - Expect 70 Implementations of CATCH across all Sites
 - Expect 54 Implementations MSY across all Sites
 - Expect 6 Implementations SMART across all Sites
- 3 Parent Programs with minimum 15 parents
 - Expect 65 Implementations Parents Curriculum across all Sites
- 3 Community Events

27 General Community Sites and Growing!

State	Site
CA	Los Angeles
ОН	Bowling Green
FL	Largo
FL	Oldsmar
GA	Savannah
IL	Homewood
IL	Rockford
IL	Urbana
IN	Bloomington
IN	Elkhart
IN	Lafayette
MD	Howard County

State	Site
MD	Queen Anne's County
МО	Jefferson City
МО	Kansas City
МО	Poplar Bluff
МО	Rolla
NJ	Unition
NM	Albuquerque
OR	Ashland
OR	Tulatin
TX	Abilene
VA	Arlington County
WV	Huntington

General Site Requirements

- Between June 2005 and June 2006:
 - Completed We Can! Commitment Form
 - 1 Youth Program
 - 1 Parent Program
 - 1 Community Event
 - Completed We Can! Summary Form
- Evaluation materials available on-line
- Success stories reportable to national Web site

Partnership Outreach

- Outreach at national and local levels to:
 - Build collaboration, synergy around preventive strategies, outreach efforts
 - Leverage resources and channels to effectively disseminate We Can! messages and materials to parents, caregivers, and youth ages 8-13

Categories

- We Can! Partner
 - Participate on a variety of fronts with a significant commitment of resources and activity
- We Can! Supporting Organization
 - Interested but unable to make as significant a commitment

National-Level Partners/Supporters

- Action for Healthy Kids
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)
- American Dietetic Association
- Association for State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors
- Black Entertainment Television (BET) Foundation
- International Food Information Council Foundation
- North American Association for the Study of Obesity
- HHS Office of Disease Prevention, Health Promotion
- Parents' Action for Children
- President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
- Produce for Better Health Foundation
- Univision Communications Inc.
- White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders

Media and Consumer Outreach

- National and Local Media
 - Public Service Announcements (print and radio)
 - Media kits (press releases, media advisories)
 - Launch announcements
 - Matte articles
 - Press releases for program milestones
- Media Partners
 - BET Foundation
 - Univision Communications Inc.

National Launch: June 1, 2005

- Secretary Leavitt announcement
- Two press releases:
 - Release of NHLBI-funded Dietary Intervention Study in Children (published in June 2005 Journal of Pediatrics)
 - We Can!
- Bites and B-roll package with Surgeon General (English/Spanish) and NHLBI Director
- NIH Director- Satellite Media Tour
- NHLBI Director- Satellite and Radio Media tour





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HHS Secretary Leavitt, NIH Director Tell Parents: Together, 'We Can!' Prevent Childhood Obesity

Federal Government, National Organizations, Local Communities Join Together to Help Parents Improve Children's Health Outlook

Washington, DC — HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt today announced the launch of We Can!. Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition, a national education program from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to help prevent overweight and obesity among youth ages 8-13. We Can! provides resources and community-based programs for parents, caregivers, and youth that focus on behaviors to encourage healthy eating, increase physical activity, and reduce sedentary time.

"Overweight in children is clearly a public health crisis. Sixteen percent of children in the United States are carrying around excess weight – that's 9 million children who are at increased risk for chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, and asthma," Secretary Leavitt said today at the Environmental Solutions to Obesity in America's Youth conference organized by the NIH's National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

WE CAN! Media Hits



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For Kids, 'Fun Foods' Are Staples

By Nanci Hellmich, USA TODAY

"Kids get a whopping one-third of their calories from za, snacks and desserts, says a new analysis from a landmark study on children's eating habits.

"It is shocking to think that the 'fun foods' that used to occasional treats have now become the mainstream diet that kids eat every day," says researcher Linda Van Horn, a professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

"These foods are always going to be a big hit with kids, so we need to make them more nutritious."

The study, out today in the June issue of Pediatrics, also found that when kids and their parents are taught how to make healthier recipes, they don't often have easy access to the better foods. "This is frustrating, because they want to eat right but can't," Van Horn says. Scientists analyzed data from the Dietary Intervention Study for Children (DISC), which showed that children can follow a low-fat diet without jeopardizing their

growth.

DISC involved 663 pre-adolescent children with high levels of bad (LDL), cholesterol. Some children and their parents were in a control group. The others were in an intervention group, which received hands-on nutrition lessons for three years on how to select more good-for-you "go" foods. They were taught to limit less-healthy "whoa" foods.

For the new findings, researchers re-analyzed more than 4,000 dietary recalls from DISC participants. Van Horn says the families easily switched from whole milk to skim but weren't able to go from pizza to fish or vegetarian options. The new analysis found that after three years:

- nayss total that are ture years.
 The intervention group consumed 67% of its calories from healthier "go" foods and reduced high-fat "whoa" foods from 43% of its calories to 32% (doesn't add up
- Members of the control group did not change their intake of high-fat "whoa" foods, about 43% of calories. Both groups are about a third of their calories from pizza, snacks and desserts, but the intervention group
- sometimes are lower-fat, high-fiber versions. . The intervention group did not increase its intake of fruits and "go" vegetables, possibly because kids didn't have enough access to them, Van Horn says.

	Go foods	Slow foods	Whoa Foods
	Eat almost anytime (based on calorie needs)	Eat sometimes, at most several times a week	Eat only once in a while or on special occasions
Vegetables	Almost all fresh, frozen and canned vegetables without added fat and sauces	All vegetables with added fat and sauces; oven-baked French fries; avocado	French fries; hash browns; other deep-fried vegetables
Fruits	All fresh, frozen and canned (in juice)	100% fruit juice; fruit canned in light syrup; dried fruits	Fruits canned in heavy syrup

right foods are available, but it may seem like they're fighting an

and Blood Institute, which along with several other divisions of the National Institutes of Health is launching a program called

"We Can!: Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition"

(wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov). The campaign comes as 31% of kids are

The research was paid for by the National Heart, Lung,

uphill battle," Van Horn says.

overweight or at risk of becoming so.



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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2005 LLONG ISLAND EDITION

KIDS CAN BE TRAINED TO EAT BETTER



"More than 35 communities so far have signed up to offer youth and parent education materials, or to offer hands-on activities such as summer camps that teach nutrition and afterschool programs that promise healthy snacks."

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Kids Targeted In Fight Vs. Obesity

WASHINGTON, June 1, 2005

FREE VIDEO

(III) Curbing Childhood Obesity



U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona on The Early Show Wednesday (Photo: CBS/The Early Show)

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Carmona

"It's really amazing that, once the kids start to understand it. as we increase their health literacy, they start to take control of their own lives." U.S. Surgeon General Richard

(CBS) With childhood obesity growing at an alarming rate in the U.S., Uncle Sam has decided that knowledge about nutrition and exercise will empower kids and their parents to make wiser choices about what to eat and how much to exercise.

The National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute of the National Institutes of Health launched a campaign Wednesday seeking to teach nutrition and fitness basics.

The campaign is dubbed "We Can!" That stands for "Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition."

U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona told The Early Show co-anchor Harry Smith Wednesday, "We now have 9 million children who are overweight or obese. We're starting to see children with type 2 diabetes. You never used to see diabetes in children when I was a young doctor. And we're starting to even see hynertension in children. So this has

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The local coalition will [receive educational materials to help parents teach their children to eat sufficient amounts of fruits and vegetables

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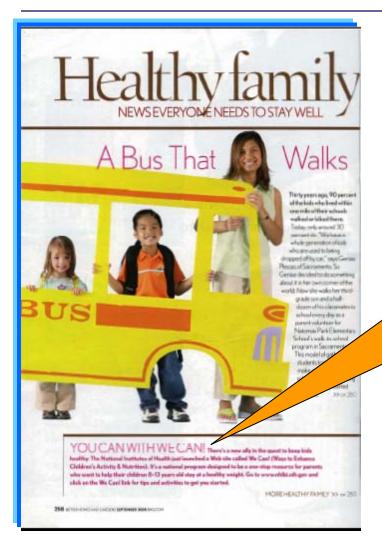
The program gives them simple steps they can use to make their children healther.



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Outlet	# of stories	Audience
National TV	7	4,604,750
Local TV	121	5,027,675
Radio	35	1,082,130
National Print	14	4,940,972
Local Print	54	7,558,373
Online	115	119,512,380
Total	346	142,726,280

Additional We Can! Information

- Web Site: http://wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov
- Toll free number: 1-866-35-WE CAN (866-359-3226)
- NHLBI Information Center

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